

Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 * -- Expedited Procedure -- Examining Group 3634
Docket No.: 1791.003
Serial Number: 10/074,713

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. **(Currently Amended)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
means for ~~(a mast-attaching member configured to)~~ movably attaching ~~(attach)~~ the bosun's chair to a mast;
a brake for braking the mast-attaching member means for braking said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast; and
means for supporting ~~at least one of raising and lowering~~ the bosun's chair, wherein said brake means for braking is configured to slow a descent of the bosun's chair, in response to a failure of said means for supporting ~~at least one of raising and lowering~~ the bosun's chair, said means for braking brake being separate from said means for supporting ~~at least one of raising and lowering~~ the bosun's chair.
 - 2-3. **(Canceled)**
 4. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 wherein said means for supporting ~~at least one of raising and lowering~~ the bosun's chair comprises a cord for supporting the bosun's chair.
 5. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for attaching the bosun's chair to said ~~means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to a mast mast-attaching member~~.
 6. **(Canceled)**
 7. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 wherein said means for braking brake comprises at least one friction pad.

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8. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for maintaining said mast-attaching member means for ~~movably-attaching~~ the bosun's chair to the mast at an oblique angle relative to the mast when said means for ~~movably-attaching~~ mast-attaching member is attached to the mast.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 further comprising means for inhibiting a side of said means for ~~movably attaching~~ the bosun's chair to the mast mast-attaching member adjacent to said brake means for braking from rising above a position substantially orthogonal to the mast when said means for ~~movably attaching~~ mast-attaching member is attached to the mast.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 1 wherein said means for ~~movably attaching~~ the bosun's chair to the mast ~~comprises~~ a mast-attaching member adapted is configured to conform to a shape of an outer surface of the mast.

11. **(Original)** The device of claim 10 wherein said mast-attaching member is openable to allow said member to substantially encircle the mast.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 10 further comprising:
an activation member of said means for ~~braking~~ brake;
means for attaching said activation member to the bosun's chair; and
wherein said activation member is configured to cause said means for braking brake to brake said mast-attaching member, in response to when a force being is applied to said activation member. 2

13. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is configured to receive said force when said force results from a failure of said means for supporting at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair.

14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Currently Amended)** The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is adapted to pivot downwardly when a force is placed on said activation member by said means

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for attaching mast-attaching member and wherein said pivoting causes said means for braking
brake to brake said mast-attaching member relative to the mast to operatively brake the bosun's
chair.

16-19. **(Canceled)**

20 **(Withdrawn)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
a mast-attaching member movably attachable to a mast;
a bosun's chair coupled to an activation member;
a brake adapted to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast; and
said brake coupled to said activation member and said mast-attaching member,
said activation member pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and
configured to cause said brake to contact the mast to slow a descent of said mast-
attaching member and said bosun's chair in response to a force being placed on said
activation member by said bosun's chair, said brake pivotally connected to said mast-
attaching member to allow movement of said mast-attaching member in response to a
lack of the force.

21. **(Withdrawn)** The device of claim 20 further comprising an angle-maintaining
member configured to maintain a first end of said mast-attaching member above a second end
of said mast-attaching member.

22. **(Withdrawn)** The device of claim 20 further comprising a cord connecting said
bosun's chair to said activation member.

23 **(New)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
a mast-attaching member movably attachable to a mast;
an activation member connectable to a bosun's chair;
a brake configured to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast; and
said brake coupled to said activation member and said mast-attaching member,
said activation member pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and
configured to cause said brake to contact the mast to slow a descent of said mast-
attaching member and the bosun's chair in response to said activation member being

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connected to the bosun's chair and a force being placed on said activation member by the bosun's chair, said brake pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member to allow movement of said mast-attaching member in response to a lack of the force.

24. (New) The device of claim 23 further comprising an angle-maintaining member configured to maintain a first end of said mast-attaching member above a second end of said mast-attaching member.

25. (New) The device of claim 23 further comprising a cord connecting said bosun's chair to said activation member.
